

## WAIVER OF VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

*Exchange of notes at Tegucigalpa May 20 and 27, 1925, with text  
of agreement*

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*The American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Minister of Foreign  
Affairs*

LEGATION OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
TEGUCIGALPA, May 20, 1925

No. 46

### EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Note of today stating that the Government of Honduras accepts with pleasure the proposal of the Government of the United States with regard to passport visas which was communicated to Your Excellency in my Note No. 38 of April 28.

In view of the acceptance by the Government of Honduras of this proposal and in accordance with the instructions of my Government, I have now the honor to subscribe, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, the following Agreement with the Government of Honduras:

### AGREEMENT

"The Government of the United States will, from the First day of June Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-five, collect no fee for visaing passports or executing applications therefor in the case of citizens or subjects of the Republic of Honduras desiring to visit the United States (including the insular possessions) who are not 'immigrants' as defined in the Immigration Act of the United States of 1924; namely, '(1) a government official, his family, attendants, servants, and employees, (2) an alien visiting the United States temporarily as a tourist or temporarily for business or pleasure, (3) an

alien in continuous transit through the United States, (4) an alien lawfully admitted to the United States who later goes in transit from one part of the United States to another through foreign contiguous territory, (5) a bona fide alien seaman serving as such on a vessel arriving at a port of the United States and seeking to enter temporarily the United States solely in pursuit of his calling as a seaman, and (6) an alien entitled to carry on trade under and in pursuance of the provisions of a present existing treaty of commerce and navigation;’ and from the same date the Government of the Republic of Honduras will not require non-immigrant citizens of the United States of like classes desiring to visit Honduras or its possessions, to present visaed passports.”

It is clearly understood, I assume, by Your Excellency, that, in accordance with this exchange of Notes, the Government of Honduras will not require of American citizens visiting Honduras a visaed passport and that this Agreement shall be construed as dispensing American citizens from any existing or future requirement that aliens entering Honduras be provided with a document, for which a fee is charged, issued by Honduran Consular Offices in lieu of a passport visa. And it is understood that Your Excellency’s Government will promptly instruct its Consular Offices to this effect in like manner as the American Government will, upon the receipt of notification from Your Excellency of the acceptance of the Agreement embodied in this Note, instruct American Consular Offices to issue without charge to Honduran citizens visas for the United States in accordance with the provisions set forth above.

If the terms of the Agreement as embodied in this Note meet with the entire approval of the Government of Honduras, I beg Your Excellency to be good enough to confirm the conclusion of the Agreement set forth above by notifying this Legation in a formal note of the adherence of the Government of Honduras to this Agreement. A Note from Your Excellency stating such acceptance of the Agreement will conclude the exchange of Notes.

I avail myself of this opportunity, Mr. Minister, to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

LAWRENCE DENNIS  
*Chargé d’Affaires ad interim of the  
United States of America*

His Excellency  
DOCTOR SALVADOR AGUIRRE  
*Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Tegucigalpa*

*The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Chargé d'Affaires  
ad interim*

[TRANSLATION]

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF HONDURAS

TEGUCIGALPA, May 27, 1925

SIR:

It is with the greatest pleasure that I have the honor to refer to your communication of the 20th of this month.

Immediately I am informing you that my Government adheres entirely to the Convention which, with the instructions of your Government, you propose in your note mentioned above and to this end I am now communicating to the Consuls of this Republic the said convention for its faithful fulfillment.

I avail myself of this opportunity to reiterate to you the assurances of my highest consideration.

SALVADOR AGUIRRE

Mr. LAWRENCE DENNIS,

*Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of the United States of America,  
His Office.*